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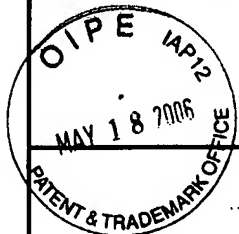
**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO
THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES (Small Entity)**

Docket No.
P00195US2

In Re Application Of: **James C. Smith**

Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
10/659,767	09/09/2003	Jan M. Ludlow	021805	1743	4861

Invention: **Reagent Vial for Automated Processing Apparatus**



COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Applicant(s) hereby appeal(s) to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner dated **12/13/2005** finally rejecting Claim(s) **1-4 and 6-13**

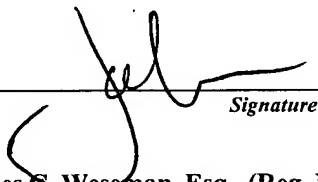
Applicant is a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27.

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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